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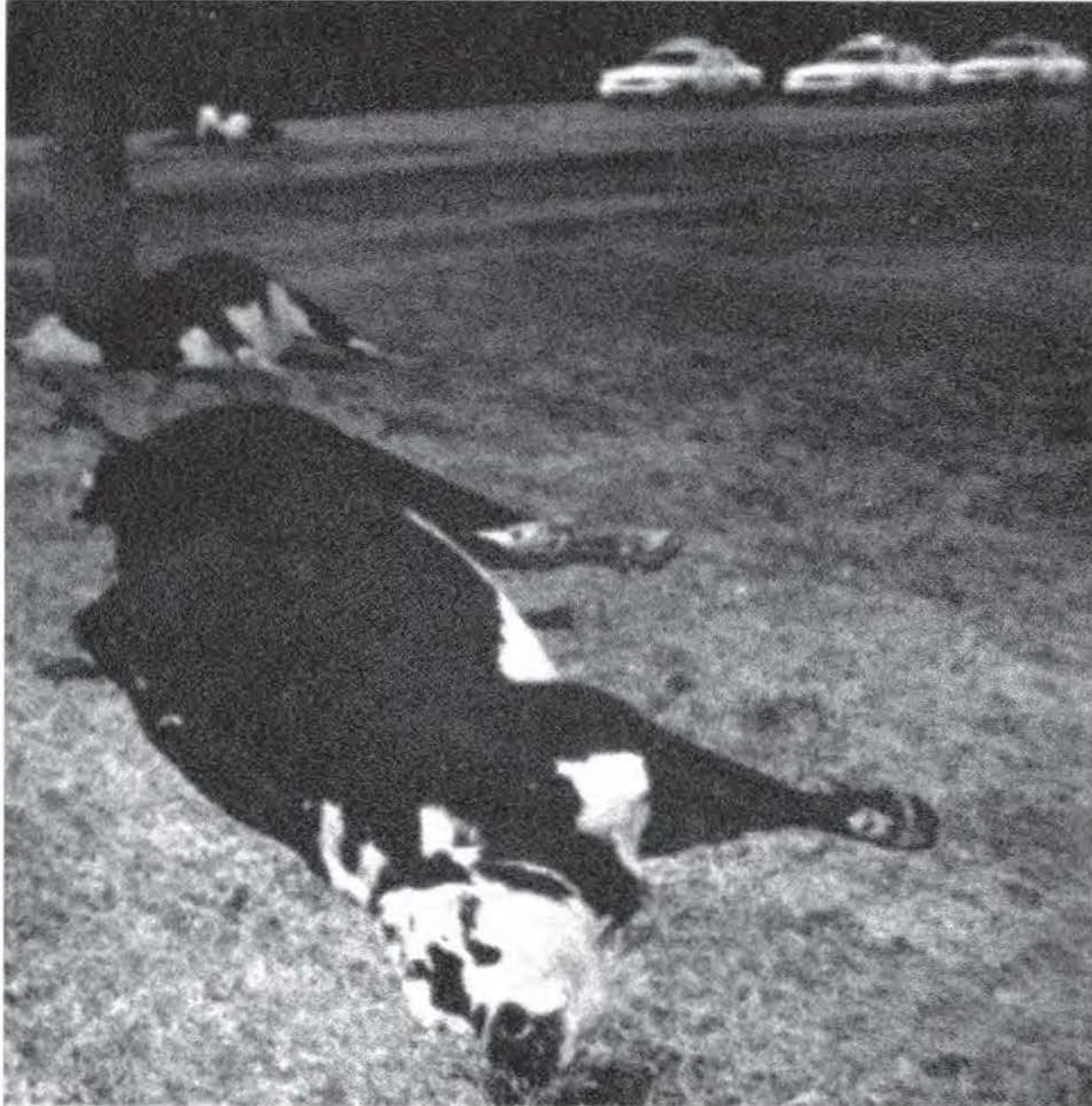
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The Killing Goes On



Editorial

The last few days have been filled with a sense of wonder. Last night the director of the Center, Scott Colborn, loaned me a video to watch while he was putting together his Director's Message for this issue. I had briefly heard something about this video on our radio program the day before, but I really did not have much of an idea as to the contents of it.

As I began to watch the program, which was a mini-series news report from KLAS-TV in Las Vegas, I saw what I thought was going to be just another UFO report. I viewed the film footage of the Meier case, the
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From the Director

Who is Robert Lazaar?...What is he saying?...and can we trust him...?

Thanks to Brian Williams of Lincoln for giving me a video tape of a series of news segments done by KLAS-TV, Channel 8 in Las Vegas, Nevada. These segments were aired during November of 1989, and George Knapp was the anchor person and producer. And, thanks to Shirley Coyne, MUFON State Director for Michigan for allowing me to excerpt transcribed material from their monthly newsletter, taken from the Channel 8 Las Vegas broadcasts. So who is Robert Lazaar?...

Lazaar is reputed to be a government scientist who worked in Area 51, specifically in a hanger area known as S-4, located in a corner of the Nevada Test Site. What he says is explosive!

"...Flying saucers, anti-matter reactors, and other working examples of technology...seemingly beyond human capabilities" are to be found in Area 51, according to Lazaar. He said, "This stuff came from somewhere else. I know it is hard to believe, but it is there and I saw it. I know what the current state-of-the-art is in physics and it can't be done."

Lazaar apparently agreed to undergo a polygraph exam for KLAS-TV, and the results were inconclusive. Two examiners gave Lazaar separate tests. The first examiner found Lazaar to be truthful on one test, and deceitful on the second. The second examiner tested Lazaar and said there were no attempts to deceive. Two other examiners looked at the tests and decided that until more specific tests are done, they would not issue a final statement on truthfulness. One of the polygraph examiners believes that the difficulty in testing Lazaar results from the fear Lazaar has experienced. Fear that Lazaar says was instilled in him by his superiors.

Robert Lazaar wants people to know that he is telling the truth. "...I am telling the truth. I've tried to prove that. What's going on up there (Area 51.) could be the most important event in history.

You're talking about contact, physical contact and proof from another planet, another system, another intelligence. That's got to be the biggest event in history, period. And, it's real and it's there. And I had an extremely small part in it. I'm convinced that what I saw is absolute proof of that. There is no way we could have made the disks, the power supplies, anything that goes with it." Lazaar goes on to say that there are at least 9 craft that we might call flying saucers that are being tested.

The furniture inside one of the disks convinced Lazaar that the origin of the craft was from somewhere else. Lazaar said: "I got to look inside and it had really small chairs. I think that was the first confirmation I had. That was just a shocking thing because every time before that I was able to label it. This is just a little advance that a group of scientists had formed...they're keeping it secret...yeah, we could have built a big disk like that...but why does it have little furniture inside?..."

Lazaar also said that "the group that runs this project, whether it really is the Navy or they just say that, apparently these people have executive power...they don't report to anyone." He says that he became frustrated with the excessive caution, intensive secrecy and plodding pace of the program, and that he is talking about this material in order to protect himself. Perhaps contributing to his disenchantment was that Lazaar said that he was a replacement for a scientist that was killed in an accident at the facility. The inference was that there had been an accident and explosion that had killed some of the technicians.

So, here is the newest material (you may wish to insert "rumor") that is being talked about. I was personally impressed by the quality and background information found in the news segments that KLAS-TV and George Knapp did. In fact it may be one of the best locally produced segments on UFO's that I've seen in quite a while. I called Mr. Knapp

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as we were going to print, and I asked him if there had been any other information to surface that seemed to support what Robert Lazaar is saying. George said that other individuals had come forward and offered information which appeared to support Lazaar's revelations. The Fortean Research Center will follow up on this story, and we will keep you posted. At any rate, the Lazaar material raises as many questions as it provides answers and theories for. So, can we trust Robert Lazaar?

We can look at this material from many different angles. Perhaps Lazaar is indeed a concerned citizen who is blowing the whistle on secret programs that allegedly infer alien/U.S. government involvement. Perhaps Lazaar is part of a planned release of UFO information to slowly educate the public that the aliens are here. And, perhaps Lazaar is knowingly or unwittingly part of a dis-information program to dupe the public and UFO researchers. To shift public attention from one area to another. The ultimate cold war weapon...alien technology. Or, Lazaar could be outright lying. George Knapp, the producer and anchor person at KLAS-TV in Las Vegas, spent several months getting to know Lazaar a little closer, and apparently believes what Robert Lazaar is talking about.

With my last Director's message in mind, I am presenting this material for your interest. I would ask of anyone who reads this to do as much research as possible in the process of making up your mind regarding this material. Should anyone "out there" want to comment on this material, including Robert Lazaar, I will print comments and opinions in our next issue. Stay tuned right here for further developments!

Lawrence N. Koss recently produced a Close Encounter Forum in Aspen, Colorado in October, 1989. Alas, I received an invitation less than 1 week prior to the start, so I was unable to attend. For more information from Koss on future projects, write to him in care of C.A.E.C. (The Choice to Acknowledge Extraterrestrial Contact), P.O. Box 4272, Aspen Colorado, 81612.

For a free U.S. government report and overview of the UFO phenomena, ask your Congressional Representative for the Congressional Research Service Report No. 83-205SPR, entitled "The UFO Enigma". Specify that you would like the complete 143 page report, and not a summary. And, tell your Representative of your UFO interest in the process. Give he or her a copy of this Journal!

Thomas M. Elliot wrote me about his research in preparation for producing a paperback on UFO encounters. He wants to hear from you if you've had an experience. I don't personally know Mr. Elliot, but I felt that you, the reader, should know of his project. With your own interests and precautions in mind, you may want to write him at 4002 Stearns Hill Road, Waltham MA, 02154. Mr. Elliot said that he has produced "Personal Perspectives", a TV show with guests such as Betty Hill and members of MUFON, for the past 5 years.

Also received in the mail was a flyer from The New Being Project, in which Co-directors Saundra Kiehn and David Pursglove announce their interest in talking with people who have experienced in part "powerful vibratory physical experiences in which they sense themselves being "rewired", sometimes neurologically, for an unknown purpose...these "re-wirings" occur during intermittent, unbidden "mergings" with a powerful intelligence different in kind from ours". Kiehn and Pursglove ask "could these people be in transition; their extraordinary experiences "the budding limbs and organs of our future nature" (Michael Murphy)?" If you are interested in learning more, you may contact them at The New Being Project, P.O. Box 11542, Berkeley, CA, 94701-2542.

Christa Tilton, a recent phone guest on "Exploring Unexplained Phenomena", our weekly radio show, has a very good newsletter that in part talks about her abduction experiences, and has information on a variety of UFO interests. A recent issue includes a well written report of the alleged shoot-down of a UFO over South Africa earlier this year. Contact

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Christa at P.O. Box 471, Paris Texas, 75461. Christa's abduction accounts include her being taken to an underground base, thought to be in the Southwest somewhere.

Whitley Strieber's "Communion Letter" is out, and I've found them to be informative and well-written. For more information write to "The Communion Letter", Box 1975, Boulder Colorado, 80306-1975. Strieber's wife, Anne, is the Executive Editor, and Dora Ruffner is the Editor.

Budd Hopkins has proposed a newsletter entitled "IF", short for the Intruders Foundation. I haven't seen a copy yet, but you may want to write him at P.O. Box 30233, New York, N.Y., 10011. Budd has my respect for his work in the UFO abduction field.

A dire warning of upcoming earth changes is the main gist of a publication entitled "People of Earth". Apparently this message is from the "Ashtar Command", and Guardian Action International is the publisher. The address for more information is P.O. Box 27725, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84127.

"...Your planet is in imminent danger of cataclysmic upheavals because of the disruption in the magnetic field surrounding your earth...caused by the tremendous negative vibrations you have been transmitting to one another..." The publication goes on to say that if humans raise their personal vibrations, and if earth's axis moves beyond its norm, those of us who qualify will be delivered by literally being beamed up to waiting ships. As of press time, a letter of inquiry to the above address has gone unanswered. Perhaps you'll have better luck. Or is it a question of vibration?

Dr. Rima E. Laibow has announced the "Second Conference on Treatment and Research on Experienced Anomalous Trauma", or "Treat II" for short. On February 1-4, 1990, a multidisciplinary group of scientists, investigators, and clinicians will "gather to address the scientific basis and clinical management of psychophysiological trauma of unexplained origin". I believe we can read "UFO encounter/abduction" conference here. The invitation goes on to say that "the purpose of Treat II is to foster the emergence of a

firm scientific and conceptual basis for further investigation and appropriate clinical intervention". The event is open solely for "bonafide researchers, research scientists and clinicians", and will be closed to the press. For more information, you may contact Dr. Laibow at 13 Summit Terrace, Dobbs Ferry, New York, 10522. The announcement said that the proceedings of the conference will be published.

In conclusion I would like to thank those of you who have offered papers and material for publication in this Journal: Linda Moulton Howe, Tom Adams, Michel Granger, Carol Werkmeister, Steve Johnson, John Lear, Bill Knell, Ida Kannenberg, Harry Jordan, John Schuessler, Alan Boye, Dr. John Brandenburg, Leonard Stringfield, Erik Hubl, and our book reviewers Kirk Fenster, Brian Williams, Debbie Koon Stephens, John Wynhausen, and Webster Robbins. Your material represents an investment of your time in our Center, and I want to acknowledge your contribution towards resolving aspects of unexplained phenomena. Special thanks to our Editor, Dale Bacon, for a Journal that continues to get better and better, and thanks to the support staff who work with Dale and I in producing our weekly radio show "Exploring Unexplained Phenomena" and assists with the publication of the Journal: Ed Rumbaugh, Frank Dreier, Lin Bacon, Kathryn Colborn, Wade Erickson, and Peggy Jo Marshall. And, for those of you who have considered sending a paper or material from your files...I would like to remind you that we will honor anonymity for individuals who request it. If you are a first-time reader or new member, let us know of your interest...and welcome aboard! It promises to be an interesting year indeed.



Stigmata

by Thomas R. Adams

The Project Stigmata report on the Continuing Investigation Into the Occurrence of Animal Mutilations

by Thomas R. Adams

Mr. Adams is a researcher based in Paris, TX who's Project Stigmata has been investigating mutilations since 1970. Mr. Adams was kind enough to send us a number of issues of his newsletter, Stigmata, and the following article is based on material in issues 21 and 16. The words are essentially his, but occasional words and phrases have been changed to preserve clarity in this condensed form.

The Classic Mutilation

There were a handful of mutilation reports before 1973, but it was in that year that the phenomenon began to make its presence known in earnest. And it began in the heartland of the United States - Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota. As many readers will recall, 1973 was also the year of the last big or generally-recognized UFO flap. And there were other crises coming to a head in 1973: the Middle East, Watergate and the first big energy scare or "fuel shortage". In the ensuing decade "classic" or true animal mutilations occurred in over thirty states (including every state west of the Mississippi River) and in several Canadian provinces. We have amassed considerable information about similar events in other countries. There are enough differences, however, to allow the jury to remain out on the relevance of the "international muties".

Each act or incident of mutilation leaves us with decidedly solid evidence in the form of a livestock carcass, minus selected parts. Of course, livestock do die natural deaths on the range and in pastures. These remains are inevitably going to be consumed - at least partially - by predatory and scavenging animals. But a few years back farmers and ranchers began to report that they were

finding carcasses of their livestock that were - different. It appeared that parts had been removed with precision, and in a manner inconsistent with that practiced by predators and scavengers. In fact, to the acute astonishment of veteran livestock people, natural predators - coyotes and the like - largely ignored the mutilated carcasses. There appeared to be little or no evidence of blood or bleeding from the wounds. For the most part, tracks and ground markings were altogether absent, even though ground conditions should have called for the presence of tracks. In many cases, the victim animal would annoyingly turn out to be the owner's best livestock, not the weak or sickly animals. Sometimes animals would be seen alive and well the previous evening, only to be found dead and mutilated the next morning; or the animal would be alive and well in the morning and dead and mutilated that afternoon. Farm dogs would be skittish and would refuse to approach mutilated carcasses. The carcass would lay untouched. Perhaps eventually maggots and birds would move in (or a carcass would be found covered with flies, all dead) and maybe even mammalian predators after a while - but why would it take so long? Some carcasses were never fed upon by predacious animals. The carcass would just lay there to deteriorate on its own at an abnormally slow rate or at an unusually rapid pace. On isolated occasions, predators would feed upon a mutilated animal, on parts of the carcass away from the mutilation-wounds. The difference between the two would be obvious, graphic and revelatory. These factors (and more) suggested to the livestock-owner that something out-of-the-ordinary had occurred. Voila! The "classic" mutilations.

True or "classic" mutilations involve livestock (almost always) which have died or have been killed and from which parts have been removed through the apparent utilization of sharp instruments and/or high technology. Contrary

to a frequent misconception, the same body parts are not taken in each case (although certain parts do predominate). The meat which humans would consume is almost always left untouched - a tragic waste of prime beef.

Many of the most graphic mutilations feature amazingly smooth incisions where parts are removed - sometimes without even cutting hair. And in a case in Colorado, microscopic examination of hide from a mutilated calf revealed findings of the greatest potential importance. The examiner discovered that the "incision" was not a "cut" at all, not a laser burn - no cell was destroyed - no cell was disrupted in the mutilator's cut. The separation occurred between the cells - that is, along the cell walls. There is a natural cohesion between cells and any ordinary cut - as with a knife - would cut through the cells at random. To realize its potential as revelatory evidence, however, this finding needs to be repeated.

Some incisions may be smooth yet uneven, as though exhibiting hesitation cut-marks. On some occasions, an evenly serrated edge is noted - the "pinking shears" effect (see photos in Donovan and Wolverton's *MYSTERY STALKS THE PRAIRIE*). In Johnson county, Texas in 1977 a mutilated carcass exhibited both smooth and serrated cuts.

One of the most consistent features of the mutilation phenomenon is the lack of blood or bleeding from the wounds - even in animals mutilated before or shortly after death. Sometimes there will be a small amount of blood, but rarely the bleeding that would be expected. On some cuts there is the appearance of searing or burning, as though the wound were cauterized. Carcasses have been found with absolutely no bleeding from the wounds; yet when investigators cut into other areas of the carcass, bleeding occurs. All this has fueled speculation that the mutilators are using lasers. In many cases, however, there is no evidence of searing or burning.

The rate of decomposition of the mutilated carcasses is another

oddity related to this phenomenon. Some remains seem to deteriorate rapidly; others, more slowly than would be expected. There are reports of carcasses not deteriorating properly when left out in warm weather - and those that decompose too rapidly in cool or cold weather. There is also a peculiar reaction on the part of other animals when confronted with a mutilated carcass. The speculation has been that there is "something" about such carcasses that "lower" animals can detect but humans cannot. We reported in STIGMATA #5 that laboratory rats seem to be able to detect or "smell" X-rays.

There is no attempt to conceal mutilated carcasses. One school of thought suggests that the victim animals are taken away, mutilated and then returned. There is some evidence to support that contention. But if the animals are taken and mutilated elsewhere, why bring them back? Why not drop the carcass in some remote canyon or arroyo or otherwise dispose of the remains? It may not necessarily be that the mutilated carcasses fare purposely placed. It might be that the mutilators don't concern themselves with where they leave the results of their handiwork. They know that, regardless how many we find or where we find them - there appears to be nothing we can do about it.

We do not know how many mutilations have occurred, since so many go unreported. We may have knowledge of 5 per cent of the true total or 95 per cent (though the real figure likely lies somewhere in between). As of 1984, a conservative estimate for the number of mutilations since (and including) 1973 (once hoaxes and misinterpretations are eliminated) would be 5,000, although one will hear estimates elsewhere of 2 to 3 times that number.

Mass Hysteria?

Were these farmers and ranchers caught up in an epidemic of mass hysteria or "collective delusion"? There are those who would suggest that these livestock people only imagined that there was anything unusual about these events. Some

opine that socio-psychological pressures and psycho-cultural trauma amassed in the American (including Canadian) collective unconscious and was being vented due to the stress of uncertain and uncomfortable world and national events - a collectively ailing Zeitgeist. The farmers and ranchers, according to this thinking, were merely misinterpreting the natural deaths of their livestock and the removal of parts by scavenging animals. Could these farmers and ranchers have known what they were talking about? Were they qualified observers? If these carcasses looked so different, could it be that predators were still responsible? They've always been around, after all. Did they adopt the use of fine implements or graduate a class in high-tech scavenging? Could predatory table manners have become that fastidious (As Ed Sanders has written, predators do not read Emily Post)?

Had the farmers and ranchers reporting mutilations been around long enough to be familiar with the effects of natural predation and to know the difference? In a study conducted by anthropologist Dr. Nancy Owen, then of the University of Arkansas, it was first suspected that the victim-farmers in mutilation-plagued northwestern Arkansas were largely young and inexperienced and fairly new to the area. But Dr. Owen found that most of the farmers reporting mutilations were in fact oldtimers - experienced livestock people who had been at it for a while. And we would contend that most of the mutilation victims (the owners, that is, not the animals) across the U.S. and Canada have been anything but greenhorns.

Some veterinarians and laboratory diagnosticians have claimed publicly that "classic" mutilations are actually the work of natural predators and scavengers. One problem with these diagnoses has been pointed out by Dr. Rue Jensen, director of the diagnostic laboratory at Colorado State University: an autopsy or necropsy or an examination of blood or tissue from a carcass must be done very shortly after death to be meaningful. We contend that beyond

a certain point a lot of guesswork. There are also a number of diagnosticians who, for the record, have proclaimed that at least some mutilations have not been the work of natural predators -but that the parts have been removed with a surgical precision and often amazing methodology.

Some people remain, shall we say, unconvinced. They may never get the hang of it. Maybe that's the way it's supposed to be, or maybe that's even the way it should be. Those who would scoff and detract from the reality of "classic mutilations"

- whose click-words and catch phrases include "natural causes", "scavengers", "predators", "misinterpretation", "delusion", "mass hysteria" or even "lone nut" - these individuals are not necessarily acting out their roles in concert in some insidious conspiracy. To such people, the classic mutilations simply can not be, and there has to be - yes ("altogether now, class"), a logical explanation. Most such people have never seen a mutilated carcass. Even those who have seen an occasional mutilation refuse (however consciously or subconsciously) to allow it to register on them that they have seen anything other than some misinterpreted mundane event.

This may be due to a sort of psychic defense mechanism, because the "acceptance" of the reality of mutilations can be disturbing to some, even traumatic - over the years we've heard of many a sleepless night. So it may be that some people are in fact "not ready" for the inclusion of unexplained, unstoppable, uncontrollable livestock mutilations in their world-view. Then there are those of us for whom the data proclaims the reality of the classic mutilations, although we are not forgetting that misinterpretations, predation, death-by-natural-causes, etc. do occur in the course of Life-On-Earth. But there often seems to be a yawning conceptual gap (across which one would have difficulty tossing a cow chip) between the mutes-are-real folks and the ain't-no-way's. If everyone had a classically

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Mystery Helicopters

by Scott H. Colborn

This article's focus is on the nature of the "mystery helicopter". We will discuss material primarily from the files of veteran researcher Tom Adams, Paris Texas, and reports from material of the Fortean Research Center. This article is introductory in nature and is intended to hopefully whet your interest for in-depth research of your own.

Many reports mention helicopters of unknown origin connected with UFO sightings, abductions, and/or animal mutilation reports. These alleged craft are generally described as being dark in color, and may or may not display running lights, exterior insignia or identification. Additionally, some of the craft are described as being virtually without exhaust or rotor noise. Let's begin our study with the following information taken from a publication titled Stigmata, published by Tom Adams.

"...We have considered the recent mutilation wave to have begun in earnest in 1973. When one examines reports from that period (and from 1974, as well), it is noted that first there was an epidemic of livestock rustling throughout the Midwest--in parts of Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois. In many of the areas where rustling was a problem, people were observing helicopters, flying low over pastures and even harassing livestock. There are even a couple of accounts of witnesses on the ground being shot at from an unidentified helicopter. In some of these areas, there was considerable public uproar and, in the opinion of many, the helicopters were somehow allied with the rustlers. Then, in several areas in the states mentioned, accounts of livestock mutilations were beginning to supplant the rustling reports. Unidentified helicopters were still being seen; but they were now being reported in the areas where mutilations, not rustlings, were occurring. As mutilation reports exploded across the Midwest and West in 1975, the number of "mystery helicopter" reports also increased in many

areas, burgeoning into many previously un-muted and un-choppered areas.

This helicopter/mutilation concurrence has continued throughout the past decade. We have concentrated much of our attention on the "mystery helicopters" because we suspect that if we can acquire some concrete answers illuminating the role of these helicopters, we will be much closer to an understanding of the mutilation phenomena as a whole. We have on file well over 200 accounts of mystery helicopters near or at or in the vicinity of mutilation sites. We previously published a special report and catalog of these events (The Choppers...And The Choppers).

Some of these helicopter sightings are mere flyovers-and some innocent coincidence may well be involved. But there are altogether too many reports of helicopters that harass herds of livestock, spotlighting cattle, chasing ground observers and even landing in pastures; and some incidents have featured as many as 5 to 7 helicopters at once. People have been paced and chased down country roads. Deputies have pulled into pastures to watch unlit choppers rise and quickly fly away. There was near-panic in the ranchlands of Eastern Colorado in 1975, as farmers were ready to shoot down anything resembling a chopper. For that reason, a number of helicopters on routine, legitimate missions were grounded temporarily. In northeastern New Mexico in late 1975 the public furor rose to such a crescendo that the Federal Aviation Administration announced that it was launching its own probe into the mystery helicopters and that FAA personnel were taking depositions from the public. A National Guard helicopter was sent to the Clayton, New Mexico airport to give chase at the next chopper sighting. But while the Guard chopper was in the area, the mystery helicopter sightings ceased. We do not know the results of the FAA investigations, as they have since denied having any knowledge or information about it--Perhaps they

found a reason not to announce their findings.

Regarding the relationship between the mystery choppers and animal mutilations, there are five primary hypotheses for the origin and purpose of the helicopters:

- 1) The helicopters originate from the same source as (at least some) UFO's and likely are, in fact, UFO's themselves, disguised as terrestrial craft.
- 2) The helicopters are "private", "civilian" or "corporate", operated by an endlessly financed "cult", secret society, paramilitary organization or an international cabal of industrialists, energy czars or similar manipulators.
- 3) The helicopters originate with the government of the United States (perhaps in collusion with Canada or other nations). They are directly involved in the mutilation "mission", likely as part of a massive chemical-biological warfare (CBW) experiment.
- 4) The helicopters originate with the United States government and they are as curious about the mutilations as are the rest of us. They are occasionally present near mutilation sites to monitor the activities of the "real" mutilators. The military intelligence community is conducting its own investigation, and they know little more than we "civilians" do.
- 5) They know much more than "civilians" do. The helicopters are of military origin. The government of the United States possesses a very substantial amount of knowledge about the mutilators, their means and motives. The government may be attempting to persuade mutilation investigators and the populace as a whole that perhaps the military might be behind at least some mutilations, a diversion away from the real truth. There is implied a prior knowledge which enable the helicopters to arrive around the time of a

mutilation. Interestingly enough, some of the unidentified helicopter sightings have occurred shortly after a mutilation event, suggesting that this postulated ability to anticipate mutilations may be far from perfected.

Our present inclination is to suspect that the truth lies in some combination of (4) and (5), though the remainder cannot be ignored. Or perhaps the real picture isn't even presented here.

Many detractors of the reality of "classic" mutilations, in their various verbal effluvia, take the easy way out by simply ignoring the mystery helicopters. But the unidentified copters are an important and inherent part of the mutilation puzzle. We need to know where they are coming from, who is flying them and why (Adams, 1984)."

Our thanks again to Tom Adams for allowing us to excerpt from his publication Stigmata. For more information from Adams, see the references section immediately following this article.

Keeping the above five hypotheses in mind, lets consider for a moment the support systems required to keep a helicopter in the air. Fuel, oil, maintenance crews, replacement parts, housing for flight crews and support personal, hangers or storage facilities for helicopters not in service...these are intrinsic, basic needs to keep a helicopter in the air. If we first consider either civilian, governmental or military support systems, it would seem a simple task to identify the flight range of a helicopter, and draw a circle around the position on a map where a sighting of a helicopter took place, with the outer edge of the circle representing the maximum flight range. You could then make inquiries of airports, public and private landing fields, and military bases. Assuming that the helicopters weren't refueling in-air or from a truck on a lonely road somewhere, and assuming that your inquiries were answered truthfully, you could quickly determine whether or not the source of the helicopters was

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civilian, governmental or military. Secondly, there is the question of whether an organization, public or private, could so successfully cover itself that no clue was left as to the identity of the agency. Additionally, the flight or support crew would have to have a perfect record...no mechanical breakdowns that force the copter down in a farmers field. No crews letting slip their involvement during conversation off-duty. Of course this is not to say that secrets can't be kept...secrets are kept every day. I personally have a great deal of difficulty assigning all mystery helicopters to non UFO sources, and in this regard I offer some following material and data for your consideration. Lets turn now to a report of an animal mutilation near Norfolk, Ne. This report provides anecdotal material linking animal mutilations and mystery helicopters.

I telephoned Mr. Jim Lehman of rural Norfolk, Ne. on December 22, 1982, after having read an article in the Journal & Star newspaper dated 12/16/82. His wife answered and then I spoke with Mr. Lehman. I gave him my credentials and explained that I was calling to see if Mr. Lehman could expand upon the newspaper article. His tone was curt and abrupt, but not rude or hostile.

Mr. Lehman had brought the cattle in for the winter and had noticed that he was missing a seven month old calf, weight approximately 500 lbs. He thought this initial date was around 11/25/82. As there was more pressing work to catch up on, he couldn't immediately look for the calf.

On December 2nd, 1982, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Jim found the dead calf. It had been mutilated. The calf was found next to the fence separating his land from US Highway 81. The calf was found laying on its left side in approximately two foot high native grass. No tracks were visible around the carcass, there was no matting of the native grass, and no evidence of any tampering with the fence. When I asked Jim for his opinion on how the calf could have been mutilated without the surrounding area being disturbed, he replied that he didn't know.

As the article in the paper mentioned very little blood having been seen near the animal, I asked Jim if this was correct. He was more explicit and said there was no blood around the animal, and no blood in the animal.

As Mr. Lehman began to describe the mutilation, he stated that he felt this mutilation was an attempt to butcher the animal for meat purposes, but as we continued, it was my opinion that he was wavering on this position, and was really undecided. He said the right front quarter was taken cleanly, and that there was an incision 8-9 inches long of a half moon shape on the side or flank of the animal. The cuts were clean and in the case of the entire front quarter, the hide and all were taken. Jim said he had tagged both ears for identification purposes. Both ears were missing from the carcass, with one tag found on top of the haunch, and the other was about one foot away in the native grass. No sex organs were taken, and otherwise the carcass was untampered with, at least based on his visual inspection.

No autopsy was ordered because Mr. Lehman was told by a deputy sheriff that he didn't think it was necessary. This same deputy sheriff didn't dust the ear tags for finger prints.

During our phone conversation, Mr. Lehman said the carcass was still in the field. He remarked that the carcass wasn't bloated and hadn't deteriorated until predators had started working on the carcass, which he estimated had been in the last ten days. So from December 2nd to about December 12th there had been no visible predator or animal activity around the carcass.

Mr. Lehman told me that this was the second mutilation to occur on his property, with the first incident having occurred about seven years previously (1975).

I asked Mr. Lehman if he had noticed any unusual helicopter activity before, during, or after this current mutilation. He replied "that happened about one year ago". He went on to relate an account of a neighbor living 3-4 miles northwest of his property. It seems that this neighbor was awakened in the middle of the night by a loud, roaring sound. He ran

outdoors and saw a dark, unmarked helicopter with no lights visible, hovering over his feed yard. The copter then flew away. The sheriff was called, but Mr. Lehman said nothing came of it. Lehman didn't know how long his neighbor had the unmarked copter in sight.

In wanting to check on the veracity of Jim Lehman, I mentioned his report to a person I worked with who is from Norfolk, Ne. This woman, who I will call Dianne, then told me of an account she had heard concerning a young woman on her way home from work late one evening, driving from Norfolk to Madison, Ne. Dianne thought the time period was 1977 or 1978, and it was summertime. At any rate, the young woman was driving north out of Norfolk, Ne, on US Highway 81. Her destination was her parents farmstead. It seems she heard a roaring noise coming from the exterior of her car. The noise was directly overhead and apparently was either following her or traveling in the same direction. She stopped in the middle of the highway, and the noise faded and stopped. She then started up her car and continued driving, with the noise coming back and "following her" the rest of the journey to her parents home. The terrified young woman arrived at her home, ran inside and told her father that something had followed her home. He called the sheriff and turned on some outside lights.

The young woman told Dianne that when the sheriff arrived, he got out a hand held spotlight and pointed it up towards the "noise", which had continued to be very audible. In the beam of the spotlight was a black or dark colored, unlit, unmarked helicopter. The helicopter then flew away.

I was unable to obtain more information from Dianne concerning the identity of the young woman or her family. This anecdote is offered merely as another piece of data with its authenticity yet in question.

A mystery helicopter also figured in an interesting UFO sighting December 11, 1982 near Nebraska City, Ne. There was an initial UFO sighting that involved 3 civilian witnesses and 2 instances of animal effects. About

40 minutes later there was a second UFO sighting that involved 5 law enforcement officers. This second UFO presented itself apparently in 3 different forms. The first was a silent, flashing white light. The second was "a flashing white light accompanied by the engine/rotor sounds of a helicopter", and the third form had the UFO changing into the "configuration of a biplane, accompanied by an engine sound". That same night, approximately 12:15 a.m., there was a "brilliant, completely silent flash of white light"...appearing "about halfway up the horizon". Acting Sheriff Rich Tilson of Nebraska City said that the flash of light was of such intensity that it cast "distinct shadows", and that the flash of light consisted of two "diagonal arms of light which radiated from the point-of-origin, one downward toward the ground, the other upward". For further information on this particular report, the reader is urged to read the complete account in the May, 1983 MUFON UFO JOURNAL (Boeche, 1983).

Vicki Cooper wrote an excellent article recently in UFO magazine entitled "Black Helicopters Dog UFO Witnesses". In this article Cooper reports that UFO abductee Betty Luca (formerly Betty Andreasson) and her husband Bob have been harassed by persistent black helicopters. Dan Wright wrote a piece entitled "Under the Watchful Choppers" in the same magazine. This was regarding harassment of UFO researcher George Coyne and his wife, Shirley, who is herself both a researcher and abductee, by helicopters. Kathie Davis, pseudonym for the central figure of Budd Hopkin's book Intruders, was also mentioned as being harassed by dark copters in this article by Wright (UFO, 1989).

John Schuessler authored a report in this Journal recently entitled "Cash-Landrum UFO Encounter". Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum, and Vickie's grandson Colby saw a diamond shaped UFO belching fire and surrounded by helicopters on a Texas road December 29, 1980. All three people suffered apparent severe physical effects which they believe are related to witnessing the UFO.

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The witnesses report counting over 20 helicopters at one point, some with twin rotors. John writes: "Others saw the UFO and the helicopters. The reports were consistent-the UFO was glowing intensely and the helicopters were of the type flown by the military services. Nevertheless, no one would help, even the military denied flying their helicopters that night" (Schuessler, 1989).

Linda Moulton Howe lists many references in her excellent new book "An Alien Harvest" regarding helicopters sometimes associated with animal mutilations. See elsewhere in this Journal for more from Howe's research.

There seems to be much data to indicate that many people have reported mystery helicopters. Cases of mistaken identification? Well-financed cults or private interest groups? Military copters?...UFO's? It is my hope that this article has raised your interest in this material. See the references section immediately following for a good place to start. Should you, the reader of this Journal, have a report of mystery helicopters in your area, I would like to hear from you. We will share all information received with Tom Adams and Linda Moulton Howe.

In closing I would like to offer this quote from page 15 of Howe's An Alien Harvest. This is an excerpt from a statement made by Robert Mavis, an investigator for the criminal division of the State Patrol in 1974 who said: "There are a lot of trains of thought. There have been numerous discoveries of dead animals in Madison and Knox counties and there are indications that predators got several of them. We are not convinced it is a person who is doing this. We haven't even found tracks in most cases" (Howe, 1989). So it might also be said for the elusive mystery helicopter...an important aspect of the mutilation puzzle. Indeed, I'm not convinced "it is a person who is doing this". My own personal bias leans towards both the UFO and the military explanations as sources for the copters. Perhaps with more data we will learn about the apparent connection between the sightings of helicopters and animal mutilations,

UFO activity and harassment of individuals. Remember, many smaller newspapers will occasionally print a story on both mysterious helicopter sightings and animal mutilations. The story often never gets picked up by a wire service or larger paper, so researchers never hear about it. You, the reader, can help so much by clipping an article and sending it to us. The research continues...we need to hear from you!

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An Alien Harvest, excerpt

by Linda Moulton Howe

(Following is an excerpt from Linda Moulton Howe's 1989 publication of An Alien Harvest. Pages 94-99, are reprinted here with permission of the author. ed.)

The 1980's

Early Friday morning, March 10 1989, five pregnant cows were found dead by L.C. Wyatt on his property in Hempstead County, Arkansas (see note 1). Mr. Wyatt was amazed to find the cows laid out in a straight line in one of his pastures near an old abandoned logging road. He had seen them alive and well two days before with the rest of his herd. One cow had its legs drawn up "as if it had been running and was zapped by something." said Jim Williamson, Editor of the Little River News in Ashdown.

Mr. Wyatt contacted the Hempstead County Sheriff Department and two deputies were dispatched to the farm. Their conclusion was that some kind of instrument was involved in the excisions, but there was no obvious sign of what had killed the cows.

That same day around 6 p.m. Little River News Associate Editor Juanita Stripling went to Mr. Wyatt's farm to take black and white photographs.

"The first look at the scene gave the impression the cows were dropped dead in their tracks. One cow was lying on her right side. There was a large, round cut out area with the calf lying just outside the cow and still in the embryo sac. The cut area was neat, precise and approximately 1 3/4 to 2 inches deep. There was also no dampness on the ground of water or body fluids."

Four other cows were laid out in a straight line, all but one with their legs straight out. The rectal areas "were distended and it seemed as if they had been bored around in approximately a 1/4 inch deep smooth circle."

As Juanita Stripling and Little River News Editor Jim Williamson took photographs of the dead cows, Jim remembered that on Thursday

evening, March 9, He noticed a "golden glow" light similar to ones he had photographed in 1988. He watched it for three minutes above the REA (Rural Electric Association) substation. The distance between the light and where the heifers were found the next morning is about fifty aerial miles.

A few hours later in the dark after Juanita Stripling took her photographs and left the farm, veterinarian Dr. James Powell of Hope, Arkansas and Hempstead County Sheriff Don Worthy went to the mutilation site. Using flashlights to see, Dr. Powell cut open some of the cows and took stomach and organ samples. It has not been explained why the men chose to work in the dark. As this book went to print, neither man was cooperating with the Little River News nor another local veterinarian who was concerned about the case.

However, Little River News Editor Jim Williamson contacted me and I called Dr. John Altshuler, the pathologist and hematologist who had seen and taken tissue samples from mutilated Lady in 1967. Dr. Altshuler instructed Jim to get a new straight razor. In the hide of the cow that had the large belly excision, Dr. Altshuler asked Jim Williamson to cut a rectangle of cowhide that would include the mutilator's cut in one corner with normal cow tissue in the rest of the sample. Jim cut tissue from the belly and eye excisions and sent them in 10% formaldehyde solution by Federal Express to us in Denver for analysis. I was at Dr. Altshuler's lab when he prepared the tissues for microscope examination.

We wish to thank Linda for allowing us to reprint her words in our journal. Following this article are the photographs which accompanied the text in her book An Alien Harvest.

If you would like to obtain a copy of Linda's book, please order it through the following address:

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Cost for the hardbound copy of An Alien Harvest is \$60.00, plus s/h. Linda also wishes to mention that she welcomes all inquiries and information from readers at the same address.



1. Pregnant heifer found dead with its legs in a "running" position on the L.C. Wyatt farm near Hope, Arkansas, March 10, 1989. Photograph by Juanita Stripling, Associate Editor, **Little River News**, Ashdown, Arkansas.



2. Four of five pregnant heifers found dead and laying in a straight line on the L.C. Wyatt farm near Hope, Arkansas, March 10, 1989. Three had rectum tissue excised in clean, bloodless "cookie cutter" ovals. One had an eye removed. Another had an 18-inch by 22-inch section of its belly removed. Photograph by Juanita Stripling, Associate Editor, **Little River News**, Ashdown, Arkansas.



3. "Cookie cutter" excision of rectum tissue on one of the five heifers found dead and mutilated on the L.C. Wyatt farm near Hope, Arkansas, March 11, 1989. Photograph by Jim Williamson, Editor, **Little River News**, Ashdown, Arkansas.



4. One of the five pregnant heifers found dead on the L.C. Wyatt farm near Hope, Arkansas, March 10, 1989. The unborn calf was inside the unbroken embryo sac which was lying partly outside the cow's belly. The belly had been cut in an 18-inch by 22-inch hole with a hot instrument. There was no amniotic fluid or blood on the cow, calf or ground. Photograph by Juanita Stripling, Associate Editor, **Little River News**, Ashdown, Arkansas.



5. Close-up of cow's bloodless, cut belly the morning of March 11, 1989 after L.C. Wyatt dragged the animals away from where they were found March 10. Photograph by Jim Williamson, Editor, **Little River News**, Ashdown, Arkansas.

Degrees of Evidence

by Stephen Johnson

What is it going to take to convince people that something very strange is going on? Over two dozen reported cases in Idaho in the last two months, 23 were found in a six square mile area; two in Washington, one in Colorado and Kansas, two in Nebraska, and many more across the country. I am writing about animal mutilations. Cows in particular.

All of the above mentioned are considered "classic" cases - an eye completely missing, lips gone, tongue surgically removed, rectum and sexual organs cut off. A patch of hide taken off of the underbelly exposing the abdomen and in most cases the abdomen is untouched. Backbones exposed or removed, ears missing. In some cases the cow looks like it bled profusely yet there was very little, if any, blood found on the surrounding area. Also, just the opposite is happening: gaping holes on the cow yet not a drop of blood had spilled out. It's not like this is a mystery with no evidence. We normally have several hundred pounds of difficult-to-move evidence staring us in the face. Officials, professionals and normal citizens say that it "sure looks very strange" or "we have no explanation for what happened."

And still nobody has been caught. Sure, there are plenty of theories and speculations, but at least to my knowledge nobody has been caught with an eye or tongue in hand! It's hard to imagine a stealthy, underhanded creature getting ready to ambush a large cow in some farmers field in the middle of the night, render it senseless and perform intricate surgery on her - not spilling blood. Then to do it time and again - but still remain undiscovered. It makes me shudder just to think about it.

On November 26th, 1989 Ron Bartels discovered a 15 year old Chyianina cow in Franklin county, Nebraska, 6 miles southwest of Campbell lying on her left side with the right eyeball removed and a 6 inch slit in her throat that was blood-soaked. Efforts to uncover evidence of blood on the ground went unsatisfied. Missing

from her throat were 18 inches of trachea and esophagus. A large patch of hide was taken from her underbelly exposing the abdomen. Yet the abdomen was untouched. A smooth circular hole was evident under the tail where the rectum used to be. The udder was gone and some predatory action was evident on the rear muscular area of the rear legs.

I spoke with Sheriff George Schmidt, who was called on to investigate the incident, and DMV Carl Guthrie, who performed a postmortem examination on the cow. The veterinarian, Dr. Guthrie, had said, "It was impossible to pinpoint an exact cause of death," and that "the old cow was in poor shape". When I asked him about the cut on the throat he told me it was a well demarcated cut and was impossible to tell what had caused it, but thought it strange that the wind pipe was missing. As to where the eye was removed Dr. Guthrie said it was "A very smooth circular lesion." He also said his biggest dilemma was that he could not tell whether something happened before or after (the mutilation). He was suspicious of predatory action on the hind end. But the infamous quote was made, "It looked strange." We have heard that before!

On the other hand Sheriff Schmidt was sure the cow died of natural causes and said that he, "...felt sorry for the poor old bag of bones." His comments were logical and well said. He stated that the eye was picked at by birds and after a couple days of exposure the skin stretched smooth to give it the appearance of being cut. He also said the neck was chewed open by a coyote. The Sheriff had told me there were no organs missing, when in fact there were. This is evident by looking at the photographs.

Ron Bartels was caring for some cows belonging to a couple from out of state at the time he found the cow in its mutilated stage. He thought something very odd had happened! Ron has been raising livestock for nearly thirty years and has seen his share of them die

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naturally. But when you look at a "classic" mutilation you can tell they have been tampered with.

The photographs seen in this article were all taken by Ron. We are grateful for his cooperation in helping the Fortean Research Center by supplying us with these photographs and information on this case.

Although I do not have much experience in what a cow looks like after coyotes have had their way with it, (as compared with classic mutilations) but I have seen pictures and read comments by Linda Moulton Howe (An Alien Harvest) and there is a big difference. It seems to me that if the coyotes who were feeding on this animal went to the trouble of tearing the hide off the underbelly, they should have devoured the soft abdomen as well. But what do I know? I do not have the same tastes as a coyote! It does not make sense that so much of the cow went untouched by the coyotes, especially at this time of year when the weather is cold and food is scarce. Why would they just pick at the hind end of a perfectly edible and succulent animal? I know of no coyotes who have the surgical skills to remove 18 inches of windpipe through a 6 inch slit!

This incident does have a few questions about how it happened and contradictory views. I hope I have expressed those views correctly from the kind people involved, but there are very firm and stable cases all across the country with a great collection of evidence piling up in file cabinets. Now is the time to keep an open mind and ask questions, because an answer is attainable. What we are looking at is not circumstantial, it is real. It steals life from livestock and income from farmers to this day!

So who is doing it? Satanic cults? No! They always leave their mark behind. I feel that they love the attention surrounding their activities. Psycho farm boys? I doubt it! Random government testing? No! The government has enough test farms of its own, they don't need to steal from the people. Alien involvement using the parts for sustenance? Or genetic engineering? Did you know a cows DNA is similar to humans?

So we need to ask ourselves: What degree of evidence is it going to take to prove to us that something strange is going on? Remember as Ron Bartels said to me, "Things do happen!"

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Any "Mutes" in France?

by Michel Granger

En tant qu'auteur d'un livre documentaire sur les mystérieuses mutilations de bétail en Amérique du Nord-titre: Le Grand Carnage, paru chez Vertiges/Carrère en 1986-, souvent on m'interroge depuis Outre Atlantique: "Y a-t-il des mutilations suspectes en France?", me demande-t-on?

Je remercie très sincèrement Dale Bacon de me donner l'opportunité ici de répondre collectivement:- "OUI et NON à la fois...."

Depuis que je m'intéresse au phénomène fortéen des "mutes" (et cela fait plus de 10 ans), vous pensez bien que je suis à l'affût de tout incident qui pourrait, de près ou de loin, présager que le fléau mutilatoire du style de celui que vous subissez se soit propagé dans notre Hexagone. Et je dispose donc de nombreux exemples qui donnent à penser...qu'il n'en est rien. Pire même! Ce qui se passe ici, en France, semble relever de l'antithèse de ce qui se passe là-bas chez vous aux Etats Unis. En clair, certes il y a de vilaines exactions perpétrées sur nos bêtes, mais elles semblent relever de considérations beaucoup plus prosaïques (flambée du prix de la viande à l'étal des bouchers français très bons mais très chers) que les incompréhensibles "classiques mutes" qui, elles, relèvent de la plus pure absurdité.

Prenons un exemple, parmi bien d'autres similaires: le 13 août 1988 au matin, M. Perrodin, agriculteur de La Grande-Verrière, non loin de chez moi dans la région d'élevage réputée du Charolais, visitait vers 7h30 du matin son troupeau (seize vaches, seize veaux et un taureau) dans un champ dit du "Moulin Blanc", quand il eut l'attention attirée par un étrange comportement de ses bovins: ceux-ci étaient "curieusement rassemblés à une cinquantaine de mètres de la barrière".

(English translation by Jacques DuPont)

As the author of a documentary book on the mysterious cattle mutilations in North America entitled "The Great Carnage" published by Vertiges/Carrere in 1986, very often, I am asked from overseas: "Are there any suspected mutilations in France?"

I am sincerely thankful to Dale Bacon to give me the opportunity to answer you collectively: "YES and NO at the same time..."

Since I have been studying the Fortean phenomena of the Mutes which could remotely or closely foretell if the mutilation plague rampaging your country (USA) has extended to our Hexagon (France). And so, I have many examples showing that this is not the case. It is even worse! What is going on in France looks like the antithesis of what's happening in the USA. Certainly there are villainous exactions perpetrated on our cattle, but these acts seem to be motivated by much more practical considerations, (such as a sharp raise of prices at the French butcher's, very good, but very dear indeed) other than the mere absurdity which applies to the incomprehensible "classical mutes."

For instance, one among many other similar examples: On the morning of August 13, 1988, in the famous cattle breeding region of Charolais, not far from where I live, Mr. Perrodin, a farmer of the Grande-Verriere, was checking his herd at the Moulin Blanc (White Mill) pasture when he noticed strange behavior in the cattle: the herd was "strangely flocked at about 50 meters from the fence."

Or, que découvre M. Perrodin au beau milieu de pré? Une véritable mare de sang autour de laquelle les bêtes se sont agglutinées. Et, en son centre: "ce qui reste d'un de ses veaux à savoir pas grand chose en réalité: la tête, le queue, la panse, le coeur, les poumons et les tripes" (sic).

Ainsi, ce qui "reste" le l'animal français mutilé, c'est justement ce qui "manque" sur les milliers de bovins américains. Cette remarque me paraît particulièrement révélatrice de la différence entre ce qui se passe ici (chez moi) et là-bas, (chez vous). Vous pouvez légitimement vous interroger sur l'identité de vos "mutilateurs" aux goûts morbides et pervers qui consomment précisément ce que not "bouchers nocturnes" laissent sur le terrain... C'est du moins sur cette piste de voleurs de bétail, ayant opéré le dépeçage sur place, que s'étaient lancés les gendarmes de la brigade locale qui avaient été alertés, bien entendu. Car, pour une fois, ils disposaient de quelques indices: des traces de pneus devant l'entrée du champ et des "pièces à conviction" négligées par les mutilateurs français et qui font les délices de "vos" mutilateurs puisqu'elles sont généralement portées manquantes sur les carcasses de vos bovins. Ce n'est malheureusement pas toujours le cas, comme en témoignent deux autres exemples récents signalés dans la même région: à Perrecy-les-Forges où un veau de 350 kilos n'a pas été retrouvé dans le champ où il était enfermé le 12 juin 87 et à Toulon-sur-Arroux où 12 bovins ont été portés manquants sur un troupeau de 38 têtes, le 25 décembre 88. Là, tout simplement, les bêtes ont "disparu". On a tendance, alors, quand il y a "vol sans traces ni résidus" d'accuser des "professionnels" qui disposeraient d'endroits sûrs pour conditionner la viande à l'abri des regards indiscrets. Tandis que pour le dépeçage sur place, selon les dires de M. Perrodin "ce n'était pas un travail de

Then what does Mr. Perrodin discover, right in the middle of the meadow? A veritable pond of blood around which the animals are gathered. In the middle of it, "were remains of a calf, indeed not much, that is the head, tail, belly, heart, lungs and guts" (sic).

So, what is left from the mutilated French animal is precisely what is missing from the thousands of American bovines. This particular remark points out the difference between what is happening here (in France) and there (USA).

You may legitimately wonder about the identity of these "mutilators", gifted with such a morbid and perverse taste, who consume precisely what our nocturnal butchers leave behind on the ground. At least this time there were some hints: tire tracks at the gate of the pasture, and the French mutilators had left behind items are generally missing from the remains of your US bovines. Unfortunately this is not always the case, as shown by these two following events which took place lately in the same area: On the 12th of June, 1987, a 350 kg (700 lb) calf couldn't be found back in its fenced pasture at Perrecy-les-Forges, and at Toulon-sur-Arroux on the 25th of December, 1988, 12 out of 38 head of cattle disappeared. In both cases the animals merely "vanished." When there is theft without any trace one has a tendency to accuse "professionals" who have at their disposal a hide-out and conveniently could hide the meat without being noticed. On the contrary, when the meat is cut in the fields, according to Mr. Perrodin's statement, "It was not a professional's work," the animal had been slaughtered with a sharp tool in an ugly and sloppy way. In France some amateurs looking for prime ribs, in the USA professionals taking the "low cuts." But let me reassure you, as in the USA, the rule is not always respected. At Saint-Andeol, in the Rhone department, professionals

professionnel", l'animal ayant été Des "amateurs" en France pour s'approvisionner en viande de première catégorie, des "professionnels" en Amérique pour prélever les "bas morceaux". Rassurez-vous, tout comme chez vous la "règle" n'est pas toujours ici non plus respectée: en juillet 1987 à Saint-Andéol, dans le département du Rhône, ce sont bien des "professionnels" qui furent accusés-mais jamais confondus-au sujet de deux magnifiques "charolaises", amputées nuitamment de leur quatre membres.

Mais la curieuse opposition entre les exactions américaines et françaises mérite, quand même, toute l'attention. Le sang des bovins français, est, on l'a vu, généralement répandu sur le sol-et il n'a pas tendance à l'imprégnérer alors que vos carcasses sont dites "exsangues" avec aucune trace sanguine autour. Notre sol ne doit pas être plus imperméable au sang de bovins que le vôtre! De plus, il y a une "sélection" des organes mutilés des deux côtés mais, de façon symptomatiques, ce ne sont pas les mêmes, ceux prisés par vos "mutilateurs" étant abandonnés comme quantités négligeables par les nôtres. Et, de surcroît, une précision dite "chirurgicale" pour évider, dans vos prairies, le rectum d'une de vos génisses et un travail d'amateur pour débiter de la viande à rosbif, ici, sur notre territoire!

Non, je vous le dis, les mutilations classiques américaines que vous constatez dans votre Middle West n'ont rien à voir avec les activités néanmoins criminelles de nos bouchers français clandestins que nous observons ici. Et la parution de mon livre n'a pas fait apparaître des cas qui seraient passés "inaperçus" accréditant l'hypothèse de la rumeur pour arguer de l'hallucination collective pour résoudre le problème qui vous est posé là-bas. A mon avis, c'est bien ailleurs qu'il faut chercher la solution.

were actually accused (suspected) but never caught in the case of two magnificent "charolaises" heads which had four legs cut off.

However, the peculiar opposition between American and French extractions deserve our very close attention. So we know, the blood of the French bovines is generally spilled on the ground but does not absorb in - while US carcass are "exsangues" without any sign of blood around. Our soil must be no less permeable to cattle blood than yours. Moreover, there is "selection" on the mutilated organs on both sides, but in a symptomatic way. These are not the same, the ones craved on by your mutilators are disregarded by ours. And above all, a surgical precision to empty the rectum of a cow in its prime and here in France an amateurish job to cut off roast beef meat.

No, let us tell you that the classic American mutilations you criminal deeds of our French clandestine butchers. And the publication of my book has not brought up any unnoticed cases which would have substantiated the theory of the rumor causing collective hallucination as a possible solution to your problem. In my opinion, the answer is somewhere else.

Reste à se demander pourquoi, en actes de vandalisme visant à se procurer de la viande fraîche à bon marché. Cette question, je l'ai posée à bon nombre de personnes et la meilleure réponse, à mon sens, semble émaner de mon bon ami Australien John Prytz; la voici. Elle résume bien à mon avis ce qu'on peut en dire.

-Soit les "mutilations" américaines sont des actes naturels de prédateurs, commettent à l'affirmer les officiels de votre pays. Dans ce cas, "peut-être, en France, n'y a-t-il pas de ces mêmes espèces de prédateurs susceptibles de telles actions sur des bovins et de chevaux"? En tout cas, croyez bien que nos éleveurs sont souvent confrontés à du bétail tué par des chiens errants et le spectacle n'est pas beau à voir, les animaux étant généralement affamés et dévorant en partie leur proie (cas dans le Jura le 18 juin 1986 sur une génisse de 2 ans). On parla bien d'un lynx, mais d'habitude il s'attaque à des proies plus petites.

-Soit ce sont les humains les responsables de vos "mutes", des hommes aux goûts plutôt pervers et morbides qui n'existent pas en France. Ou alors des adeptes de cultes rituels sans doute non représentés ici? Cette hypothèse me paraît douteuse car, même dans la région rurale que j'habite, il y a prolifération de cultes et sectes de toutes sortes. Jamais en tout cas, on ne les a accusé de s'en prendre aux animaux, sauf pour se nourrir. Et, la plupart du temps, il sont végétariens...

-Soit sont-ce les extraterrestres qui déciment vos troupeaux? Alors pourquoi ne s'en prennent-ils pas aux nôtres? La France n'est-elle pas encore dans leur champ d'expérimentation? Pour quelle raison? Il y a ici une telle densité de population qu'ils auraient bien du mal à oeuvrer incognito.

Quoi qu'il en soit, il faut rester vigilant. Et mieux informer le public français du fléau qui vous afflige. Je m'emploie de

However, one might ask why in France there are no "classic mutilations", but only deeds of vandalism as a means of cheap fresh meat supply. I have asked this question to many people and the best answer, I believe, comes from my good Australian friend, John Prytz. It sums up everything one can say on the matter.

American "mutilations" are natural acts of predators, like US officials say. In this case "maybe in France, we do not have the same species of predators able to do such things to cows and horses? Anyway, French ranches have cattle killed by wandering dogs and believe me, it is not a pleasant sight. The starving dogs usually eat part of their prey. (One 2 year old cow in the Jura in June 18, 1986). A lynx maybe, but usually they attack smaller prey.

--Or, human beings are responsible for US mutates, some men with rather morbid and perverse taste who do not exist in France. Or they are a part of some cults not present in France. I doubt it for I know that in France, where I live, there is a proliferation of sects and cults of all kinds in rural areas. In many cases, they have been accused of attacking animals, usually for food, and most of them are vegetarians.

--Or, are they aliens from space who decimate your cattle herds in America? If so, why don't they attack ours? Why isn't France in their fields of experimentation yet? The population density is such here in France that it'd be hard for them to operate unnoticed.

Whatever, let's be vigilant and better inform the French public about this curse affecting you. I try my best towards this goal.

dans mon action. Par vous qui êtes sur place; notamment, il me faut connaître à tout prix les cas récents de "mutes" pour pouvoir répondre à toute sollicitation impromptue des medias français. En particulier, j'ai échoué dans mon projet d'un grand reportage photographique dans le plus célèbre hebdomadaire français, Paris Match (tirage 6 millions d'exemplaires - l'interview a été faite mais non diffusée) pour la raison invoquée qu'"ils ne voulaient pas publier sur quelque chose de dépassé". Telle avait été, tout au moins, la mise en garde reçue de leur bureau de New York. Et faute d'assez de preuves "actuelles" à l'époque (été 86), pour apporter un démenti à cet argument fallacieux, ceci allié, en plus, avec un manque de bonnes photographies propres aux agrandissements, l'affaire a capoté et la majorité du public français est restée dans l'ignorance du "Grand Carnage", à part les quelques milliers des mes lecteurs.

Je ne voudrais pas rater à nouveau le coche s'il se représente. Et je compte sur vous.

Michel GRANGER
9 mai 89

But my action needs support. From you who are on the spot: I've got to know about the most recent cases of mutes in order to enable me to answer any solicitation questions from the French media. For instance, I've failed in my attempt of a big photographic reports for the most famous French weekly magazine-Paris Match (6 million issues). The interview was made but never published for the main reason that they didn't want to publish something outdated. Such was, at least the warning issue by the New York office and lacking current proofs at the time (Summer '86) to deny this fallacious argument, added to the fact that where the pictures were improper for enlargement, the project didn't work out and the majority of the French public remains unaware of the "Great Carnage," unlike the few thousands of my readers.

I would not like to miss a second chance if it happens again, and I rely upon you.

Michel GRANGER
May 9, 1989

The Enigma Continues

by Carol Werkmeister

What are mutilations? Who are the mutilators? Why do they do this to animals? How do the mutilators incapacitate large animals, such as cattle weighing from about 400 to 1,200 pounds (and even bulls weighing up to a ton), so they can do their grisly work?

These are but a few of the questions I asked upon learning about mutilations. This act committed against animals is disconcerting to me. I love animals and any mistreatment is upsetting. This is a useless, unnecessary, and destructive act that perturbs me greatly. Perhaps that is why I have spent much of the past 15 years studying the phenomena.

Many theories have surfaced over the years. However, many of them can be discarded by one or two facts which make them untenable.

Some claim predators, the four-legged kind, make the wounds on the animals. Anyone who has been around domesticated livestock for a number of years has usually seen damage done to a carcass by wild animals. The damage done by small animals, such as skunk and opossum as well as larger ones, such as the coyote or wild dog. There is a great difference in the wounds. The predator eats into the flesh. The mutilators leave not so much as a scratch on the flesh underneath when they remove a patch of hide, an udder, testicles, etc. When

predators tear a patch of hide from a carcass they are trying to get at the meat. Once the hide is out of the way they eat a bowl-shaped area from the carcass. If there are many predators feeding they may devour much of the carcass overnight. A lone coyote will eat his fill, planning to come back for another meal.

Small predators can make a strange-looking wound, but upon close examination, even without a microscope, one can see the stringing of flesh. Animal predators rarely dine on the carcass of a mutilated animal. When they have, it is easy to see that someone or something else tampered with the carcass, as with our own cow, which was found mutilated. Someone had smeared a mark on her with a gray clay-like substance. It looked to have been done with three fingers and began at the center of the rib cage, going to the navel. It looked rather like a Y connected P. In checking brands, witchcraft signs, looking through books on the occult, etc., we could find nothing similar.

Are the victims of mutilation alive or dead when the actual mutilation takes place? There are mixed theories to that question as well. In some cases it seems that the animal must have been alive through the mutilation process and died as a result of the mutilation. In others, it is hard to tell. Some feel that the animal was already dead.

Of the cases I have studied over the years, most have fit the pattern of "classic mutilations." These have the "usual" parts missing. eyes, ears, tongue, lips, nose, tail, udder, teats, anus, vagina, and/or testicles. They are cut away with what appears to be "surgical precision". There have also been broken bones in some cases. Horns driven into the ground or broken off, intestines laid in a neat pile not far from the carcass. Cases of very slow, or extremely fast, decomposition. Smooth, circular cuts, the edges unblemished by the strings found when the wound is made by a carnivore's teeth. Seldom is any blood found near the wounds or on the ground. In some cases which have been checked very thoroughly,

very little blood is left in the carcass. It is unusual to find tracks of any kind around the animal, or any sign of struggle.

In many cases the udder has been removed with such skill that the flesh beneath has been untouched by knife cuts or teeth marks. Predatory animals will often leave evidence of scratch marks or punctures caused by the claws when pushing against the carcass while pulling flesh free. Testicles have been removed leaving a round, perfectly unblemished cavity in the body. Sometimes the penis is removed through this same cavity, with no cutting along the sheath. This is nearly impossible to do, according to those who have tried to duplicate it, (including some veterinarians). Without cutting the skin covering, the penis cannot easily be pulled out. Yet when the animal is found to be missing the penis, as well as the testicles, this sheath is untouched.

Eyes seem to be removed by merely plucking them from the socket. Ears are usually cut cleanly off at the base. In more rare cases only the tip is taken. Heavy leg bones, spine and pelvic bones have been found broken or crushed. Hip and shoulder joints have been dislocated or broken.

Tongues have been removed from deep in the throat, or, in some cases, just half the tongue. Flesh from around the jawbone is sometimes removed, leaving clean, exposed bone. Occasionally entire heads are skinned very neatly to the bone, with no visible marks on the bones. Teeth have been pulled and sometimes broken off or cut out.

Tails have been severed and the cut surface shows not so much as bone dust or minute scratches, which would result from sawing. Only a perfectly smooth surface of bone remains with the stub.

Skulls have been crushed. Was this done by hitting it with a heavy hand-held object? Or by shooting some heavy, large ball, made perhaps of steel, from some kind of spring-loaded gun? If the animal is alive and well it would be difficult to walk up on it and get close enough to hit it on the head.

The mutilation of animals of all kinds is widespread over many

states and countries. I believe that almost every species of animal has been victim to mutilations at some time in history. An animal that I do not have information on, yet I ponder over, is the mule. Is it because they are, except in rare cases, sexually sterile?

When hearing of no cases of mutilations locally, many people tend to think they are no longer occurring. Such is not the case. Though not of major proportions as they were in the 1970's, they do go on. As baffling as ever and deserving of on-going investigation, perhaps some day we may find the answers. Recently there were two cases in my area. An account of one case follows:

On November 10th, I received a call from a neighbor telling me they had found one of their bull calves mutilated. The calf was found in a cornstalk field where the herd had been grazing since harvest. Weighing about 600 pounds, the healthy, strong calf would not have been easy to catch or subdue. The herd is kept at a rather remote farm. The summer finds them grazing the pasture and, after harvest they are turned onto the land. I went along with the owner, my husband, and a local veterinarian to investigate. We found the calf lying on its left side, rather bloated due to the warm weather we had been having. It was estimated to have been dead about 4 to 5 days. This made investigation more difficult than if it had been found fresh-dead.

The wound, a circular hole estimated to have been about 10 inches in diameter, originally, was cut around where the testicles had been. The hole had been stretched by bloating. As far as we could determine, no predator had eaten from the carcass. There were a number of blackbirds and crows in the area and it is possible one of these pecked at the wound. This could be what caused it to burst, along with the pressure build-up. Any eating by the birds was minimal. There were no other signs of predators touching the carcass. We found no other wounds. As the veterinarian examined the animal I asked if the penis was missing. He investigated and found it to be gone. I have been told this is

possible to do. However, many veterinarians do not know how. The sheath had no cut-it seemed to have just been pulled out. We have tried to pull it out when butchering. Even after the hide is out of the way and part of the penis is cut free giving a place to hold on, it does not come free when pulling hard.

One thing puzzled most of us who viewed the animal. The rest of the herd kept returning, again and again, to the carcass. They had milled around it so much that the cornstalks and leaves around the animal had been taken off and only bare ground remained in a circle around the calf. These had been blown by the wind around and under the edges of the carcass. What brought the herd continually to the dead calf? Is this normal behavior? Could it have been some odor left by the mutilator(s), such as musk? Could the mutilator(s) have used a musk preparation to lure the calf to be incapacitated? Did some of this odor stay on the calf? Most of the dead animals here are quickly hauled away by the rendering truck. The herd was observed, several times, at the site of the carcass or approaching it, even though it had been dead for several days and the decomposition odor was strong.

Following is a series of photographs, supplied by the author, of some investigations she has been involved on. They are being reprinted here with permission.

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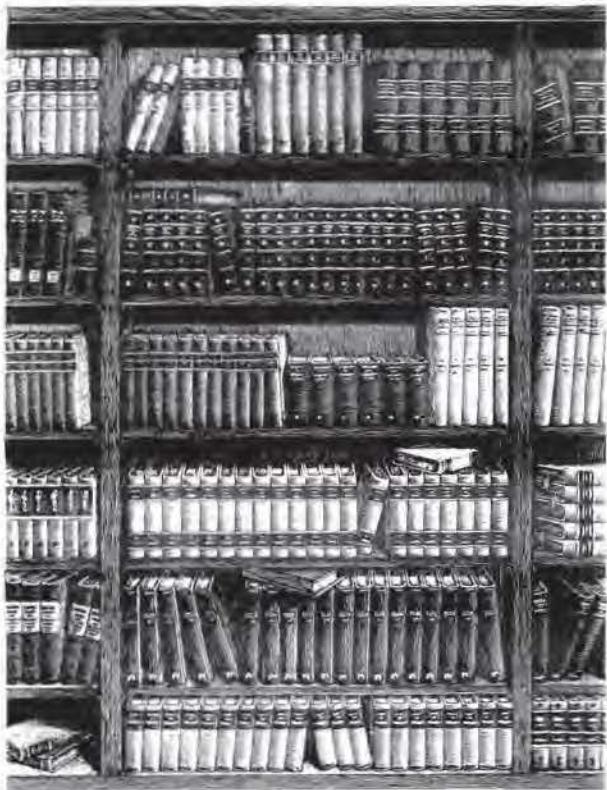


1983-Harrison, NE
Hereford cow-pregnant.
Necropsy-W. Nebr. Lab
Skin covering udder and
proximal medial thigh
gone, upper lip and end
of tongue gone.

1975-Bever Crossing, NE
Heifer- $4\frac{1}{4}$ months old.
Head skinned from below
eyes, tongue taken out.
Necropsy showed fractured
skull. Only one very
small blood spot. No
tracks or markings. Skin
showed smooth cut, as if
from knife.



1975-Fowler, KS 4-yr-old
Hereford/Angus cow. Udder
& vagina removed. Attending
veterinarian said incision
around udder appeared to
him to have been done with
very sharp knife. Bruise
on head, not crushing blow,
not in area where it would
cause death. Cow pregnant
nursing 350# calf. Removing
udder would sever milk
veins. Cow would then have
bled to death with heart
pumping until it stopped.
NO BLOOD AT THE SCENE!



Book Reviews

An Alien Harvest
by Linda Moulton Howe

Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations And Human Abductions To Alien Life Forms

An Alien Harvest by Linda Moulton Howe is an outstanding new book for any serious UFO researcher. The author presents her readers with the latest information available on animal mutilations and the alien connection to those disturbing events. Some documents and reports are only a few months old. Throughout her book she shares revealing details of her numerous interviews with farmers, ranchers, veterinarians, law enforcement officers, and others investigating the on-going mystery of horse and cattle mutilations which have plagued rural communities across the nation for over two decades. Her book is abundant with color photographs showing explicit details of the mutilations. In addition, her book explains the

extensive analytical studies of the tissue samples removed from the animal victims, some of which appear to have been mutilated while still alive! When reading her book, one can clearly discern a pattern in the "modus operandi" of the mutilators. In virtually every case the sex organs, rectum, lips, lower jaw, ears, and eyes are removed from the animal with surgical precision by some type of lasing instrument or device. The victim's blood is completely drained, with no vascular collapse.

The evidence linking animal mutilations to alien life forms is investigated carefully and seems to be conclusive from the results of her studies. Abductees and other witnesses are hypnotized to recall details of their observations. Her book contains sketches, drawings, and recorded transcripts clearly describing extraterrestrials (or some kind of non-human life form) observed in the act of mutilating animals and performing some kind of "testing" or "analysis" on the removed tissues and organs. In addition, the author covers the strange behavior of military intelligence officials, who at first appear to cooperate with her investigations, then later refuse to share any information with her. The frightening but very real possibility of human mutilations is discussed, but no solid evidence has surfaced so far.

Ms. Howe's fascinating book contains seventeen appendices, which provide valuable reference reading for the avid Ufologist. Included are the Majestic-12 briefing documents for then President-elect Eisenhower, a detailed flow chart of the secret power structure at the White House dealing with UFOs and alien life forms, the Milton William Cooper statements about classified government projects concerning aliens, a variety of interesting newspaper articles, pertinent documents released by the government under the Freedom of Information Act, and a most revealing Request For An Executive Order to former President Ronald Reagan by an underground group of active and retired military personnel known only as "Justice for Military Personnel" demanding

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that the truth be revealed.

The research and documentation in Linda Moulton Howe's unique and fascinating book tend to support her conclusions that:

1. One or more alien intelligences are affecting this planet. (Four distinct categories of alien life form are described throughout the book.)
2. The US government is intentionally covering up what it knows in the interest of "national security" with a comprehensive campaign of evasion, deception, and misinformation.
3. Alien life forms are not new to this planet. Extraterrestrials have been experimenting with human DNA for 25,000 years.
4. The consistent patterns observed with animal mutilations indicates an ever present need for human life forms by these alien life forms for some reason or purpose as yet unknown.
5. The public has a right to be informed of the whole truth, no matter how unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking that truth might be.

The author closes her final chapter with these thoughts, "History teaches us that often the common good is better served if state secrets are opened to public consideration. For if there is one truth that humans have a right to share, it is that something is tampering with this planet physically, psychologically, and spiritually. Humanity deserves the truth, especially if that truth requires a revolutionary new perspective about our history and our future."

As a serious UFO investigator, I wholeheartedly recommend *An Alien Harvest* to all wishing to explore a most serious and perplexing mystery.

Reviewed by Brian Grant Williams

Crystal Power: The Ultimate Placebo Effect
by Lawrence E. Jerome

"By moonlight I read a historic marker...which said that in 1877 hunters brought more than a million buffalo hides to a trading post

(nearby). When I lay down again, the unquiet spirits of a million buffalo were abroad in the windy night."

-Ian Frazier excerpt from "Great Plains"

Frazier's comments make us observe the scientific fact of a million animal hides. But to understand his experience, we must feel the spirit of the buffalo. The same is true of crystals and their power -- to understand crystals, mere scientific observation is not enough. One must allow the experience of feeling crystal power.

In "Crystal Power: The Ultimate Placebo Effect" the dismissal of feelings and intuition is carried to an extreme. All crystal power is summed up as a "placebo effect", that is, the crystals have little use themselves except to enhance a person's own perception of personal power. In other words, people have power, crystals have none.

To be fair, Jeromes's book is scientific. At least it tries to appear that way. The crude, often hokey experiments he conducts don't really prove his point. And his personal bias against para-psychological events borders on psychotic fear. He labels channels and crystal believers as mentally ill.

Unfortunately, as a scientist he doesn't review any work being done in the area of crystal energies by Marcel Vogel (who is equally scientific) or Ra Bonewitz. The placebo effect --itself a great scientific wonder -- is given a thorough and thoughtful review. Crystals, however, are secondary to the process. The author never considers that he may be confusing the placebo effect with actual working of crystal energy.

The book is humorous, though. The funniest parts are his admissions of publishing the book primarily for fame and financial reward.

My advice to Jerome:

- Experience meditation
- Work to feel your own energy
- Exercise intuition
- Work with people who work with crystals

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Don't forget that two decades ago, acupuncture was dismissed as a form of "voodoo." Today it is accepted and taught in major medical universities. Jerome should consider that life may be incomplete without ever feeling the buffalo roam.

reviewed by Debbie Koon Stephens
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An Alien Harvest

by Linda Moulton Howe
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The much awaited and anticipated publication of Linda Moulton Howe's research into the phenomena of animal mutilation is finally available to the reading public in the form of her book entitled An Alien Harvest. For the viewing public that was first introduced to the myriad reports of animal mutilation in Howe's award winning documentary A Strange Harvest in May of 1980, this published work is most welcome.

Unlike most published works of research, the reader is at once surprised at the oversized book and the general lay-out of the material to be presented. From the opening author's forward, to the lengthy appendices, the book's attraction to readership lies in its unique format, namely readability.

This work traces Howe's initial research assignment in 1979 as Director of Special Projects for the CBS affiliate in Denver, Colorado, that would examine reports of animal mutilations that were much in evidence during the decade of the 1970's. As a result of this assignment and the investigative substance of the mutilation phenomena, Howe begins to gather information from a variety of sources, plus the recording of physical evidence, that a mystery exists that requires explanation.

Howe's investigative research has resulted in a compendium of reported mutilations that she has structured in chronological sequence with the year 1967 as the beginning point for her book. From

this frame of reference, Howe leads the reader through the decade of the 1970's and proceeds to chronicle the phenomena into the ensuing decade of the 1980's where she completes her story with an epilogue that raises yet more questions worthy of further investigation.

Howe's book is a welcome addition in chronicle form to the continuing study of the various aspects of Ufology as well as those whose primary interests lie in the pursuit of Forteana. The reader might well be advised that Howe's book is lengthy in its presentation of the known facts concerning the mutilation phenomena and contains graphic illustrations in its evidence.

For the reading public, and some researchers as well, Howe's efforts might become tedious reading due to the volume of information she presents on a chapter by chapter basis that takes the reader outside the evidence of animal mutilations, per se, and sets the stage for theory construction and further investigation of the phenomena. The content of Howe's work forces the reader to alter one's habit of free evening reading time because of the nature of its content which is unsettling to say the least.

This book is highly recommended reading and is guaranteed to provide background information for a phenomena that continues to the present time. One wonders what the decade of the 1990's holds in store as the result of this phenomena?

Stay tuned.

reviewed by Webster S. Robbins



UFO's - Fact or Fiction?

by Scott H. Colborn

1. Early in the morning of 27 DEC 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 DEC 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05 - .07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp

angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3. Charles I. Halt, Lt. Col., USAF Deputy Base Commander Reading like something out of a science fiction book, the above quotes are from a memorandum prepared by then Deputy Base Commander Charles I. Halt, RAF Bentwaters, England. This is a NATO base staffed by American servicemen with a few British as liaison personnel. The Air Force has claimed that the above true copy of the document is the only thing generated by these events, and that there is nothing else in the file. Aside from this, the Air Force has steadfastly refused to discuss this case officially. Enter Senator James Exon from Nebraska.

Ray Boeche and I had made countless phone calls and done lots of digging on this case. Based on information we had uncovered, we felt that Senator James Exon, with his position on the Armed Services Committee and necessary contacts with the military, could assist us in unraveling this complex case. A case so bizarre that one eyewitness claimed that there was direct contact during one of the UFO events between the Base Commander of RAF Bentwaters and an entity from a UFO. After contacting the Senator's offices in Lincoln and Washington, D.C., a private meeting was arranged in the Senator's Lincoln office February 15, 1985. Present were Ray Boeche, Senator Exon, and myself.

The Senator greeted us cordially, and when we outlined the case for him, his initial response was to question whether or not the events as outlined in the now

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famous "Halt document" even took place. Mild dis-interest would describe the Senator's reaction. As we were soon to see, this reaction would change dramatically ...but more on this later. What we presented to the Senator was this: that there were a total of 18 eyewitnesses to these UFO events at RAF Bentwaters who had come forward to recount what will probably go down in UFO research annals as being one of the most documented UFO close encounter cases of recent history. Of the eyewitnesses, 8 were ranking officers and rest were servicemen. Ray and I informed the Senator that we had spoken with two of the witnesses, and told the Senator the gist of our conversations with these witnesses.

Sky Crash , written by Jenny Randles, Dot Street and Brenda Butler, was presented to the Senator for his study. This is an excellent book written by the English research team that we were in contact with. The book describes in detail the events leading up to and including the RAF Bentwaters UFO events. Additionally, we gave the Senator the book Clear Intent by Fawcett and Greenwood, which details a 40+ year cover-up of the UFO situation based on the governments own documents released through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). An audio tape made by then Deputy Base Commander Halt was also given to Senator Exxon. This audio tape describes Halt and a detachment of men taking samples and readings outside the perimeter of RAF Bentwaters, as described in paragraphs 2 and 3 in the Halt document.

As both the witnesses and the Halt tape speak of photos and the taking of various lab samples of the terrain, we made the Senator aware of this aspect, and then we asked the "big" question: "Senator, what happened at RAF Bentwaters in December of 1980?" The Senator said he would make some inquiries, but if the event was of national security status, he would be unable to comment. Of course Ray and I agreed, and we said indeed that would be enough for us. We thanked the Senator for his assistance, and as we left

his office, the Senator said to contact him should we have any further information for him. In light of Exxon's request for any other information, Ray Boeche informed me that he (Ray) had tracked down Charles Halt, the former Deputy Base Commander, at Halt's new duty assignment. Halt had told Ray that he (Halt) could verify for the Senator that photos and soil samples were taken. Indeed, Halt told Ray that he had a soil sample right there at his desk. The Senator's "mild dis-interest" was replaced by a substantial effort on his part to make inquiries through official channels.

An Exxon aide told Ray that Senator Exxon called Halt two times. This same aide described the Senator as "doing all the work himself, and not allowing any assistance by staff aides" in the Senator's inquiries. Well, whatever was learned by Senator James Exxon has remained with James Exxon. The Senator told us by letter that he is convinced that there is no official cover-up taking place regarding UFO occurrences at RAF Bentwaters. The Senator also said that he had spent more time on our request for information and assistance, than on any other single issue since becoming a United States Senator. However, he still hasn't answered the question originally asked of him... "Senator, what happened at RAF Bentwaters in December of 1980?"

...the investigation continues. Should you want a photo copy of the Charles I. Halt document, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) to:

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mutilated carcass or perhaps even a series of them deposited on their front lawn or back porch or garden or mailbox or bucket seat, we would have quite a different situation. One suspects, though, that it will never be that way. Whatever is happening, it seems to speak to relatively few of us (at least up-front; not knowing what effect this is having on the deepest levels of the collective unconscious). But when it speaks, we listen. We don't necessarily understand -yet. But we're listening. And we're trying.

Throughout our investigation - through a determined but often frustrating assimilation and analysis of data - we have reached few conclusions. We "examine and consider everything - and believe nothing", drawing conclusions only where clearly warranted by the data. We are convinced that an unbiased (to whatever extent possible) investigator, examining all of the evidence with as few preconceptions and as much objectivity as he or she can muster - must conclude as we have: that classic animal mutilations have indeed occurred. They are not only anomalous and un-natural, but they are the product of a sophisticated, incredibly-efficient, confident (and perhaps arrogant) organization.

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Roswell Incident, the Above Top-Secret MJ-12 and I listened to reports from abductees. I heard interviews with Walt Andrus, Stanton Friedman, Phillip Klass and everyone's local law-enforcement official. In essence, a lot of the same information told again. There are UFO's, there are not UFO's, the ET's are good, they are evil, Bluebook, Condon Report and on and

on. Was there going to be something new, I wondered?

A new alleged "eyewitness" to the goings on at Groom Lake in Nevada has surfaced. The Director's Message has more detailed information as to what the gentleman was disclosing, so I will not echo it. His statements are pretty incredible, I assure you, gentle reader.

What I found amazing, though, was not so much the UFO related activities at Groom Lake. Granted, if any of what the man says is true, and can be proven, it would be the biggest thing since our kind went from bands of hunting nomads to civilized and thinking humans. That is all yet to surface. What did get my attention about the place, however, was the absolute top-secretiveness of it all. This is where the U-2 spy planes were tested. The SR-71 and Stealth bombers were worked on at this location. There is no telling what is actually going on there. And I would venture to guess that we just might not find out.

According to the news report, the USAF "secured" over 89,000 acres of land surrounding the test site in 1984. This outraged a congressman, which led to an inquiry. The land was seized illegally and the justification used at the inquiry was that the USAF was answering to orders which were appear to be above the law. The congressman asked what authority was above the laws of the United States and the response was little more than "We can't tell you."

Apparently it is a secret. National security, I suppose. That seems to be the catch-all statement I hear the most.

So what is going on? How far can the military and the government extend its power?

If history repeats itself, the way it so often does, we will eventually find out the secrets of Dreamland. But there could be many changes at the installation between now and then. I hope that by the time we find out what covert secret events are transpiring in the Nevada desert it will not be too late.

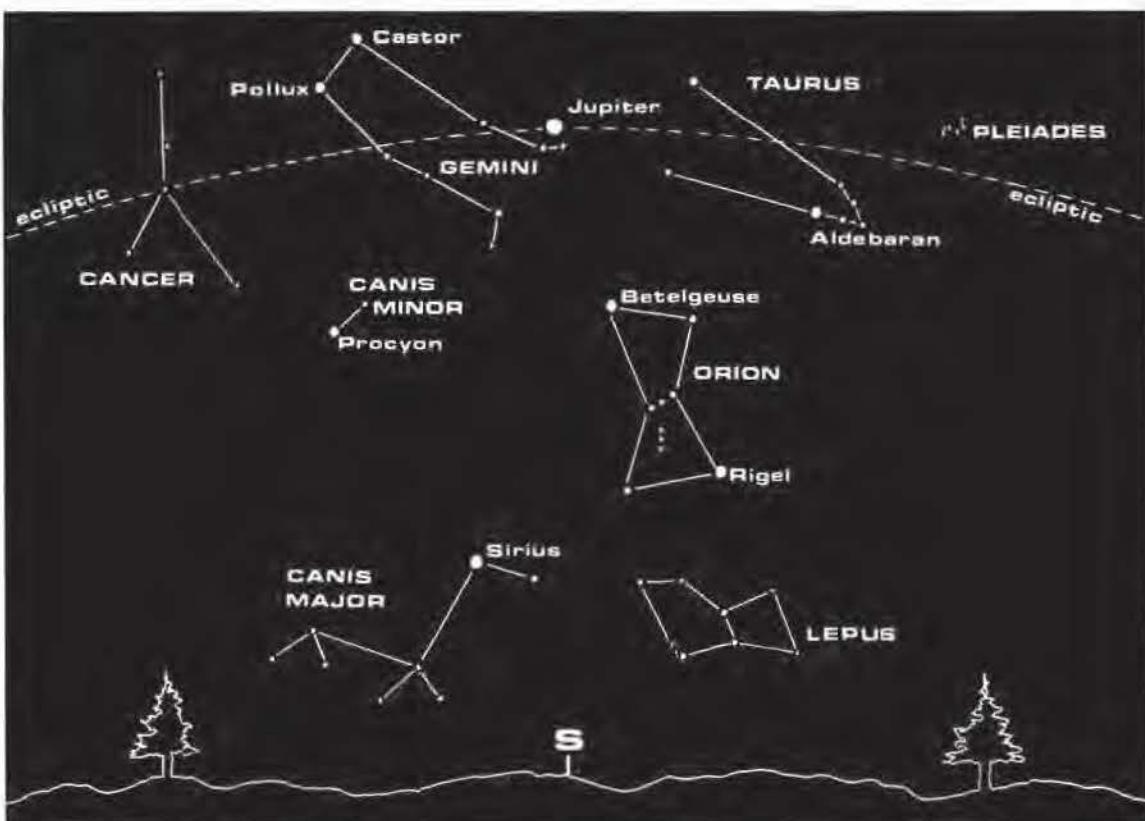
Sky Watch

by Erik Hubl

The sky offers a source of beauty for all who seek it. The thousands of stars that can be seen on a crisp clear evening grab at something ancient and deep within the soul. There is a longing for understanding and an absolute amazement at the sheer immensity of it all.

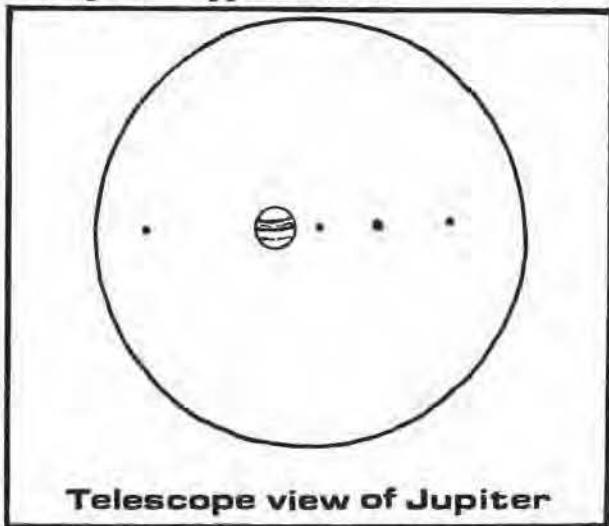
Sky Watch was created with two purposes in mind. One, to be a source of astronomical events - in particular any that might be confused as UFO sightings. This happens more than one might think. The second reason is to create a format for inducing interest and excitement about the sky above us. Far too often in this day of television, Nintendo and fast city life, we forget to look up. I hope that you will find this information interesting and useful and that you'll want to go out and see it all for yourself.

Jupiter, a shining beacon of light, is neatly placed among some of the most beautiful stars in the winter sky. Using this chart, you should be able to find all the constellations surrounding the giant planet. Jupiter appears so dramatic for several reasons. Its large size reflects much of the sun's light back to the earth. It was at opposition (closest to the earth) on Dec. 27th and is currently near the highest point on the ecliptic. The ecliptic is the path the sun traces across the sky during a year's time, and the planets all follow this same path. Jupiter is near the point where the sun will be on June 21st, or the first day of summer. That is why the sun is so high in the sky on that date. For the same reason this makes for very good observing of Jupiter. Even through binoculars you can see several of the Galilean



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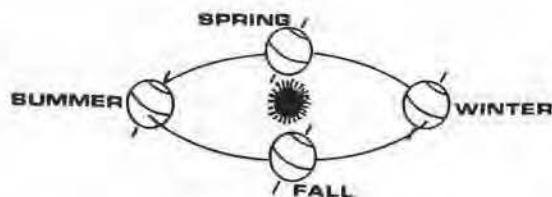
moons. Astronomers have been startled to find that during the last 6 months one of Jupiter's dark-colored equatorial cloud bands has lost virtually all of its color and is almost invisible. It also appears that the great 'Red Spot' is becoming much more prominent than it has been for the last 10 years. No one knows why. The red spot, which is actually a giant low pressure system, (like a hurricane), has existed for over 300 years and probably longer. Galileo, in 1620, was the first to see it with his telescope. The red spot is so large that two Earths could easily fit into it. Try to visit an observatory or ask a friend with a good telescope to help you look for these changes. Since the planet makes one rotation in about 10 hours, the red spot is best visible for about 3 to 4 hours. Check with a local astronomer or Sky & Telescope magazine for times and dates of the red spots' appearance.



Telescope view of Jupiter

Venus, which was the very bright object in the west after sunset, made a very rapid descent towards the setting sun in January. Just as quickly it has popped out on the morning side of things. Now our brightest planet, which shines at magnitude -4.6, will be a 'morning star' for the next 10 months. Venus passed quite rapidly from evening to morning because it was at inferior conjunction with the Earth. Only the inner planets (Mercury and Venus) can ever be at inferior conjunction. This simply

means that the Sun, inner planet, and Earth line up in a row (in that order). Obviously we can never view the planet at that point because the glare of our Sun is in the way. There is one exception to this case when the planet can be seen. Can you guess what that exception may be? Well, here's a hint...do not damage your eyes. The first ten readers who guess the correct answer to this question will receive, absolutely free, a copy of the star chart I created for the Fortean Research Center. This star chart looks like a stretch of sky extending over the field of your vision.



This year the Spring equinox, or first day of spring, will occur at 3:19 pm cst on March 20. The sun will cross over the earth's equator and continue northward until it is at its highest point in summer. If you were standing on the equator at noon, March 20th, the shadow of your body would be directly at your feet. Equinox means equal day-equal night.

NOTES: Magnitude is the astronomical measure of brightness. The faintest star visible to the unaided eye is +6th magnitude. The brightest star is +1 or 0 mag. Venus can be -4th mag. a full Moon -12th mag. and the Sun -27th magnitude.

Keep an eye on the sky, you never know what you might see.

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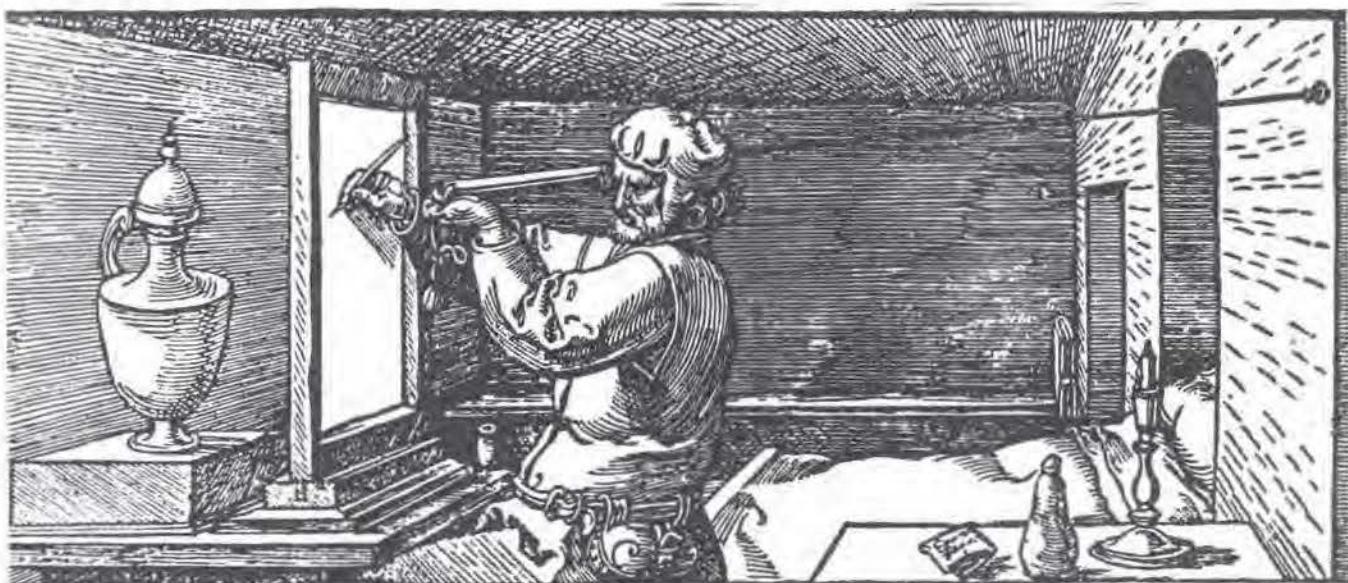
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